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Paw Paw and Vicinity

The Kaiser's Incendiaries are at large. "Swat the Spy."

James Bale Jr. who has been suffering with an abscess in the head is improving. Dr. Maxwell is in attendance.

Last Monday was one of the coldest days of the year. Mercury hovered around ten below throughout the day, and reached twenty-two below during the night.

Last Wednesday, Roy Mosier and Winnie Fisk moved Leroy Daniels from the Arlie Lyle place to the Jeffries farm now owned by E. B. Longwell.

Mrs. Boyd Clapper entertained the east of town sewing club last Thursday. A picnic dinner was served, and many garments made for the needy children in France.

Ralph Smith, James Bale, Earl Bangs, Harry Ayars, Wallace White and A. W. Mosier are among our country friends who report frozen water pipes as a result of the recent "cool snap."

Lieutenant Ralph M. Rowland, grandson of Capt. O. W. Rowland, is "Somewhere in France." A cablegram from him to his wife at Detroit, received on Saturday last says, "Greetings from France."

Hermann Soeffgen and family desire to thank their neighbors and friends for the kind assistance rendered them at the time their home burned. "A friend in need, is a friend indeed" and will never be forgotten.

Assistant postmaster Arba L. Hawley is taking a forced vacation now, that he may give ample opportunity to entertain the measles. The last time Arba took a vacation was when he had the mumps some six years ago.

Washington reports state that another detachment of 74,500 will start for war training camps on February 23rd. This will leave 72,500 more in the first draft to be called at a later date, which has not yet been determined.

If there is a single farmer within driving distance of Paw Paw who can spare a load of wood, for Heaven's sake take pity on the fuel-less people of this community and draw it to town at your first opportunity.

If the Ground Hog was ever able to poke his nose through the snow banks last Saturday he certainly saw his shadow, and those who swear by the Woodchuck as a weather prophet will do well to conserve a little more for six weeks more of winter.

R. C. Morris of Keeler is organizing a "Pig Club" for the benefit of the boys of Van Buren and Allegan counties. The details of his plan will be found on page six of this issue and will be found worthy of the careful attention of all real live boys.

Would you believe it possible for a man to step into an office on a morning when the mercury was fifteen degrees below and, actually thaw out and get warm hovering over a stove in which there had been no fire for at least two days? Well it can be done. If you don't believe it, ask our popular jeweller, Charley Stevens.

In an effort to reduce the consumption of wheat, food regulations now require the purchase of one pound of substitute for every four pounds of flour purchased. The same ratio is required of the baker. A quarter page "ad" of the Engel Baking company on page two of this issue gives the correct percentage of substitutes for wheat flour required in the various kinds of baked goods.

Harold Bolinger of Almena was in Paw Paw for a few hours last Saturday. He stated to the writer that he is a full fledged candidate for the office of county treasurer on the republican ticket. No other candidate has as yet announced his intention of opposing him. He is a prominent member of the Board of Supervisors, well liked by everybody and has a host of friends about the county who are hoping that he may be the only candidate for this office.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. will be held with Mrs. Rix on North Niles street February 9th, at two o'clock.

J. E. Packer has gone to Hartford for a visit with his daughter Mrs. Spaulding, and to get warm once more as he expresses it.

Next Tuesday February 12th, is Lincoln's birthday and a legal holiday. All banks of the village will be closed on that day.

Dell Maguire was home from Camp Grant for a week end furlough. He is soon to be transferred to a point "Somewhere in Texas."

Don't forget the Band benefit at the Idle Hour theatre on Friday and Saturday nights of next week. "On Trial" a nine reel feature will be the program.

Attorney Fred Cogshall of South Haven, Hon. G. W. Merriman of Hartford and Leslie Scott of Arlington were welcome callers at The True Northerner office last Friday.

A letter from J. E. Trescott renewing his subscription to The True Northerner states that they are well and prospering in Hammond, Indiana despite the fact that they are snow-bound and traffic suspended and a general shortage of fuel. Not much weather to catch big bass he says, but will be on hand in the Good Old Summer time.

Fire losses in the United States and Canada during 1917 will go well over a quarter of a billion dollars and the losses in the United States alone will approximate that. With the exception of 1916, when the great San Francisco conflagration occurred, the fire losses in the United States will be greater than ever before in its history.

Manager Reeves will put on a special show at the Idle Hour on Friday and Saturday nights, February 15 and 16, as a benefit for the High school band. "On Trial" a high class nine reel feature will be the attraction for those two nights. Don't forget these dates, as it will be an opportunity to boost for the band boys and incidentally enjoy a fine feature program.

A letter written from "Somewhere in France" on December 23rd, by Frank Isbell and just received by his wife here states that he was at the time in a hospital there. He did not know definitely what the trouble was, but was fearful, lest an operation for appendicitis was found to be necessary. Mrs. Isbell is anxiously awaiting his next letter.

The Government has taken over the control of all the Gasoline and Kerosene industries, and Dr. Garfield made the Oil Administrator. There seems to be plenty of oil yet, but if Dr. Garfield's management of the Coal Situation can be taken as a criterion, it will not be long before it will be practically impossible to buy a bit of kerosene or gasoline.

The city of Charlotte in Eaton county has the proud distinction of being the first precinct in the United States to report "100 per cent Sold" on Thrift Stamps and War Saving Certificates. This means that every person in that city has signed up for these stamps or certificates. This is a mighty proud record, and we only wish that Paw Paw might make as good a one.

The fuel crisis in Paw Paw has reached such a stage that many families have had to abandon their homes and go in with some of their neighbors who are fortunate enough to have a little fuel left. It has been impossible to get any coal at all, and the supply of wood has been entirely inadequate to meet the demand. It is hoped that those who have wood lots will endeavor to get some of it cut and draw to the village just as soon as possible to relieve the suffering which now seems inevitable. As soon as the Fruit Belt is again able to get trains over the line it is possible that a car or so of coal may be obtained; but then it will have to be distributed in minute quantities and wood will still be needed in order to make the coal go just as far as possible. Oftentimes during the past week a two cord load of wood has been distributed among five or six families in an effort to keep the fires burning. With the conditions of the roads as they have been for the past ten days, it has been impossible for farmers to get any quantity of wood to the village.

THEY ARE PASSING AWAY



LIEUT. CARL S. MATHER—Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Mather, was born in Paw Paw, May 26th, 1894, and died January 30th, 1918, at Houston, Texas, killed in an accident between two airplanes that collided in the mists and clouds, causing the death of both of the flyers.

Carl was the first Paw Paw man to give up his life in this terrible world war, and his death brings home to this community a vivid realization of the great struggle in which our country is engaged and in which so many of our finest young men are patriotically giving their service and their lives, if such shall be their fate. Carl was a young man of more than ordinary intelligence and ability and had good reason to look forward to a brilliant and honorable career. He had a large circle of faithful friends and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

He obtained his education in Paw Paw, and was a graduate of our high school, class of 1913. Soon after his graduation, he became a student at the Hammondsport, N. Y. school of Aviation, and soon became an expert birdman. Shortly after a state of war was declared to exist between America and Germany he offered his services to his country and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and sent to Houston, Texas as an instructor in the Aviation Corps and it was while engaged in this service that he came to his untimely death. Besides the father and mother, one sister Harry, of this place and two brothers Harry of this place and Leo, who is "Somewhere in France" are left to mourn his death.

The family and friends have the sincerest and most heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

The body was shipped home for burial and funeral services were held at the Christian church last Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. H. Heaton and Rev. H. Freeman pastor of the church. His casket was draped in the stars and stripes and a large flag was given a conspicuous place in the church. The High School attended the service in a body, and the profusion of beautiful flowers all combined to give eloquent testimony to the esteem in which Carl was held; and was an intense and zealous expression of loyalty to the cause for which he died.

JAMES NEALE—brother of Will Neale of this village, was found dead at his home in Almena last Tuesday night. Mr. Neale lived alone on what is known as the "Palmer Place." On Tuesday morning one of the neighbor boys noticed that Mr. Neale's horses were restless and uneasy in the barn. He called at the house, but got no response. When he returned from school that afternoon, he observed the same conditions at the barn, and found that no one had been there during the day. He rapped on the doors and again received no response. He reported the circumstance to his father on arriving home and together they went back to the Neale home and forced an entrance. His dead body was found on the kitchen floor, and from appearances had been there some time. Heart disease was probably the cause of his death.

C. S. SUTTON—One of the pioneer residents of Van Buren county was laid to rest on Wednesday. He had been a resident of Lawrence for many years and has been gradually failing for several months. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Dallas Ferris to mourn his death.

MARY ADELIA JONES—died at her home in this village last Monday morning. She had not been ill long, and was out of doors on Friday prior to her death. She has lived for many years alone, and at her advanced age, the rigid weather of the past month had been exceedingly hard on her. Her neighbors however were kind and solicitous for her welfare and did all they could to make her comfortable. Monday morning she came to the door and beckoned to Mrs. James Nelson who went hurriedly to her assistance. She was critically ill and passed away in a few hours.

She was born in Camden, Maine in 1838, and has resided in Paw Paw since she grew to womanhood. It can be truthfully said that she was one of the most beloved persons in this community. She was a friend to everybody and everybody was her friend. Her cheerful sunny personality always made her a general favorite with young and old alike. She was an artist of rare ability, and her home is filled with beautiful paintings all done by her skillful hand. Many homes in the village are also decorated with rare paintings, the gift of this generous wholesouled woman. These pieces the owners will now cherish to keep her memory green.

She leaves one son, Ralph Jones of Chicago. The funeral was held from her late home on Thursday afternoon, Rev. C. H. Heaton officiating.

MRS. M. P. ALLEN—Another one of Paw Paw's pioneer residents has finished her labors on earth and passed Beyond. Mrs. Allen went to the Sanitarium in Battle Creek for treatment some weeks ago, and it was decided there that an operation was necessary. It was successful and her rugged constitution and wonderful recuperative powers gave promise of a complete recovery. Her advanced years however found her with vitality low, and her waning strength could not recover from the shock. She died at the hospital on Wednesday. As we go to press, her remains have not arrived here, and no arrangements made for her funeral. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Prior of Minneapolis and two sons in the West. Mrs. Prior has been with her mother during the weeks she has been in Battle Creek.

MRS. RUTH HARRINGTON—passed away at the home of her son Lou in San Antonio, Texas last week Wednesday. The remains accompanied by her son arrived in Paw Paw Tuesday morning, and the funeral was held from the home of her lifelong friend, Mrs. Dollie Conner with whom she made her home, on Thursday afternoon, Rev. Olivia J. C. Woodman officiating. The remains were deposited in the vault at Prospect cemetery. When the weather will permit they will be moved to the Wilsey cemetery and laid to rest in the family lot there.

Ruth Harrington was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cross and was born in Bangor some seventy-three years ago. She came to Lawrence early in life, where she was married to Frank Harrington and together they moved to the farm west of Paw Paw where she lived until after the death of her husband. Since that time she has spent the greater portion of her time in Paw Paw village. Nearly a year ago now she suffered a slight stroke of paralysis which impaired her speech, and her decline was gradual from that date. She longed to be with some of her children, and in the spring went to her son Lou in Texas, where she was tenderly and lovingly cared for until the end. She will be remembered by a large circle of friends, as a woman who never tired in helping those in need. Always patient and forbearing, kind and devoted to duty, imparting sunshine and happiness to those about her.

She was the mother of six children. Two died in childhood, one Wayne in young manhood, and three are left, Fred of Los Angeles, California; Lou of San Antonio, Texas; and Jay formerly of Paw Paw and now of Ann Arbor. Two sisters and three brothers, also survive her. Mrs. A. C. Runyan of South Haven; Mrs. Nell Allen of Lawrence; Cap Cross of Oakland, California; Ed Cross of Sims Corners, Ohio; and G. A. Cross of Lawrence.

Frank McLain is on the sick list and absent from his work shop this week.

Master Wesley Young celebrated his sixth birthday last Saturday. He was assisted in the event by Master Jerome Warner and from all reports it was one grand celebration.

Next Wednesday at the Coterie will be a "Social Day" in charge of Mrs. Anna Tuttle and Seventh committee. Bring your knitting or your sewing and get acquainted with your neighbor.

Speaking of high prices, just compare prices here with those reported to be in force in Berlin. Butter at \$2.25 per pound; sugar at 56 cents per pound; ham and bacon at \$2.11 per pound and Ivory soap five bars for \$1.12.

Under the direction of the County Road commissioners and in conjunction with state authorities, the main road through Van Buren county is being ploughed out with four horse teams and a force of workmen. The road will be opened across the state from Detroit to Chicago.

O'Grady Bros. are invoicing now and getting ready for the big spring drive. Spring goods will soon be on display, and a liberal use of printers ink, in which the O'Grady Bros. are firm believers, will tell the public about the best gentlemen's furnishing store in the state. Watch their space in this paper. In the meantime it might pay to look over some of their closing out bargains on winter goods.

During the remaining months of the winter season is a good time to test for germination seeds which are to be used for spring planting. No matter what you have done in previous years about testing seed, this above all years is the time when you must be sure of your seed. It is a simple matter to test oats, barley, peas, beans, garden seeds, clover, alfalfa and grass. The following method is suggested for the testing of seeds by the County Agricultural Agent's office. It should be remembered that some seeds germinate slower than others, but at the end of about ten days for most kinds and much sooner for others, it will be possible to tell the percentage of germination:—To test the above seeds take common tea saucers and securing blotter paper or cut flannel, cut a piece large enough to cover bottom of same, count out a given number of seeds of the kind to be tested (100 is a good number to use) put them upon the paper or cloth and fill saucer about one-third full of warm water, put over the seeds a piece of paper or flannel similar to the one they are on, and turn a common sauce dish over the cloth and seeds to check evaporation. Put the saucer in a warm place and look at same at least twice each day to see that the seeds are supplied with the proper amount of moisture.

On October 25th, 1918, Mr. Ernest Foreman of the Poultry Department, at the Michigan Agricultural College came to Mr. E. A. Wang's place near Paw Paw and sorted his hens in three lots, A, B, C. In lot A. were placed the hens which according to the system of culling used, should be the best producers and profit payers. In lot B. were placed the hens which were likely to at least pay the cost of keeping, and in lot C. were placed the culls or boarders. Mr. Wang dispensed of all the hens in Lot C. and reports as follows up to January 28th, on the other two lots: Lot A. consisting of twenty-eight hens have laid to January 28th, 206 eggs, or an average of 7.35 per hen as compared to 299 eggs for the 58 hens in lot B. which is an average of 5.64 eggs per hen. A gain of 1.69 eggs per hen on an average for lot A. over lot B. Both lots of hens have been fed, housed and cared for in the same manner, and the hens in lot A had the disadvantage of being in full molt at the time the test started, and after a few weeks checked up on production to a certain extent while growing a new coat. However, the last ten days the hens in lot A. are coming back to full production. The results from this test so far speaks well for Mr. Foreman's ability along the line of culling flocks, and it looks as though it might pay poultry keepers well to get next to his methods of culling and be able to cull their own flocks.

U. S. TRANSPORT SUNK.

Reports flashed over the country Thursday that the Barbarian enemy have at last torpedoed one of our transports. It was the Tuscania with 2,179 soldier boys on board. It went down off the Irish coast. 1,912 were saved, and 267 still missing the report says. The soldiers were small units from many states, and there is no way of telling at this time who the missing ones are or what states they are from.

Miss Ida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Benedict who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at Kalamazoo is improving slowly. Her many friends and schoolmates are wishing for her a speedy recovery.

Volney W. Olds, Van Buren county Food Administrator of Hartford has been in Paw Paw a part of the week. Volney is a glutton for work, and in connection with his duties as Food Administrator has started some kind of a scheme for steam and vapor baths. This is an original scheme of Mr. Olds and was designed primarily for his own use as a means to reduce his flesh. He realizes that it is just a little inconsistent for a fat, well fed appearing man to go about the county telling people how to conserve food. His invention appears to work well and Mr. Olds is generous enough to explain the plan, which is inexpensive and can be tried in any steam heated room, to any of his friends who are interested. His headquarters while in Paw Paw are at the Clifton Hotel.

Deputy Revenue Collector, H. Goff, is here in Paw Paw, pursuant to notices previously published, for the purpose of meeting with the tax payers and giving them advice and aid necessary in making their income tax returns. His offices for this purpose are located in the Courthouse building, where he will be pleased to meet the tax payers of the community and render the ever possible service in making and forwarding their returns. He will be here about ten days, and every person in this community subject to make an Income Tax Return should call on him at his office without delay. The people living in and around Hartford Michigan, are very desirous that he should stop in their village for a few days, thus saving them the long trip to Paw Paw, and Mr. Goff has written the Department asking if such an arrangement could be made, and if so, he would spend a few days there the middle of the month. Mr. Goff is not at all certain that the Department will permit a change of his schedule, so it is only barely possible that such an arrangement will be made. Further announcement in this regard will be made in next week's papers.

The case of The People vs. Dalton Carp, charged with manslaughter went to the jury last Saturday noon. They had not arrived at a verdict at midnight, and were locked up for over Sunday, being given the use of the court room, to provide a little more comfort than the small jury room during the day. On Monday morning they were brought into court and announced that they had not been able to agree upon a verdict. They had at that time taken a total of twenty-eight ballots and the result still stood 10 to 2. They were again locked up for the day, and Monday evening being still unable to agree, were discharged from further consideration of the case. While no official announcement was made it is understood that they stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction during all the long hours of their confinement. The failure to agree will undoubtedly result in a dismissal of the case at the next term of court. The gravity of the offense charged, and the prominence of the respondent combined to give the case intense interest. The court room was crowded during the four days trial and standing room in the corridors at a premium. The case was given to the jury earlier than had been anticipated, as a considerable number of witnesses summoned to testify in the case were not called to the stand. Prosecutor Adams and A. Lynn Free on one side and W. J. Barnard and C. M. Van Riper on the other, made a legal battle royal from start to finish.

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